

# A HISTORY OF PALATINE LODGE, No 97

## A BIOGRAPHICAL SKETCH

Of

Sir Robert Peat

Sir Robert Peat, DD highly distinguished for his accomplished and gentlemanly bearing, was an excellent scholar and a warm and devoted friend.

He was an intimate friend of King George IV, who obtained for him the living of Brentford, where he died at the Vicarage on April: 21: 1837, aged 66 years.

He was born in Durham, and was the possessor of many Orders, including "Knight of the Order of St Stanilaus", conferred by the King of Poland

He was also Prior of the Sovereign Order of St John of Jerusalem, and Chaplain to the Orange Order of England.

On Aug; 8: 1816 he joined this Lodge from the Lodge of Felicity, London and on Nov: 14: 1816, was unanimously elected as WM, but owing to absence from the country was not installed as WM, his duties being carried out by the SW, Bro Hodson.

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### Research Notes

The above comments are taken directly from W Bro Watson's biography of Sir Robert.

They portray a picture of a kindly, courteous gentleman who possessed many high honours and was well connected in society.

However, it is difficult to find information, which supports this view of him, and indeed most modern accounts appear to regard him as a syphocant and cast doubt on his credibility and his means of acquiring his titles.

Sir Robert married Jane Smith, born in 1752 and distant relative of Mrs Fitzherbert, a friend of the Prince Regent. Jane was a kleptomaniac and the miserly daughter of the miserly Matthew Smith the Squire of Herrington.

Lady Peat outlived him and left a fortune to charity.

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<http://www.herrington-heritage.org.uk/murder.html>

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“Sir Robert Peat's appointment to the Grand Priory was utterly invalid.”

This quote and others from: -

<http://www2.prestel.co.uk/church/oosj/athen.htm>